Willaura Primary School’s purpose is to provide programs and opportunities for each student to reach their academic, physical, social and emotional potential in a caring and stimulating learning environment so they are fully prepared for the next stage in their education and able to succeed as active and fulfilled members of their community.

Nine Values for Australian Schools
- Doing Your Best
- Freedom
- Honesty and Trustworthiness
- Fair Go
- Understanding Tolerance and Inclusion
- Respect
- Responsibly
- Care and Compassion
- Integrity

School Rules
- Be Nice
- Be Honest
- Be Safe
- Be Positive
- Be a Learner

You Can Do It!
- Organisation
- Resilience
- Getting Along
- Perseverance
- Confidence
**STUDENT AWARDS**

Katalena McIntosh: for writing a beautiful procedure about planting sunflowers.

Annabel Anderson: for being a super speller. Great work with ‘ing’ words!


Ruby Evans: for challenging herself as a learner and having the confidence to believe in herself.

Ty Prydderch: for working hard to reach his writing goals.

Erica Evans: for showing initiative to improve her learning.

**School News**

First, a reminder about the Willaura Swimming Pool Birthday Party at the hall on Saturday night. A great band and the school is running the BBQ. See the poster attached to the newsletter! See you there!

Photos this week include Lake Bolac College students performing for us. Our students were so enthusiastic and appreciative and with Harley and Cooper at Lake Bolac next year hopefully they will be here performing next time! Other photos are of our garden and a super special visitor from last week—Master Oliver Albert. He was the perfect little man during his visit and kept the students riveted with his wriggles and sighs. Babies are very entertaining! Other photos are lovely self portraits by our P/1’s.

There are lots of exciting things happening at school over the next few weeks. We have MARC Van today, our last Bendigo Bank session on Monday as well as a sausage sizzle lunch for all students, the playground opening Tuesday, and we are also heading down to the Bendigo Bank that morning to collect our $1000 cheque. Trevor Link sent us a lovely email, which is included below (some more shopping to come!):

I have presented the priority list to our Business Development committee and they were all very impressed with the thoughtfulness and process involved here. Could you please pass on our congratulations to the students for their participation and ideas and to all the staff involved in regards to the way this was conducted.

As a result we are happy to commit to our sponsorship of $1000 towards the open area furniture.

Thank you Bendigo Bank!

Our Year 6 students are off to Melbourne next Wednesday for the school’s service at the Shrine for Remembrance Day. This is an important part of our Civics and Citizenship program. Our students listen to the service, lay a wreath and we watch the ray of light pass over the Remembrance Stone. Every other time over the year the light is artificial. The natural sunlight is absolutely beautiful and very moving. There is a huge crowd and you have to walk through very quickly, but it is well worth the queue and the crowds.

As always each year we have Mrs Conboy coming into school to sell poppies for Remembrance Day. She will be at school THIS FRIDAY at 9am (TOMORROW). See prices below:

- Poppies: $1, $2, $5, and $10
- Wrist bands: $3
- Pens: $5
- Bag clip-ons: $4

I am so proud of the way students are giving their all during end of year assessments. While we assess students every week by observing how they work through different activities, what questions they have, and just by their responses to questions, we use some very important tests at this time of year to track their progress. Particularly in the upper years, students might be doing three reading tests, two spelling tests, three maths tests, a vocabulary test and producing some final writing samples over these two weeks. Each day students come in raring to go and wanting to give their absolute best. They are amazing! You can help by making sure your child comes to school each day, as it is hard to catch up if you have missed a test or two. And 4/5/6 are working hard to finish their spelling books, mental maths books, as well as working on the End Of Year Concert, Spring Fair and other special things like our entries for the Tatyoon Fleece and Floral Show :) We have a final bit of work to do in the kitchen. We would love to paint the stools—spray paint the frames black and the timber seats red. There are TWO packs of sandpaper, undercoat and paint outside my office. I am hoping there might be a couple of parents happy to take half-a-dozen stools home at a time to spruce up. If you can help out, just let me know. Thank you :).

REMINDERS: Poppies for sale tomorrow, and sausage sizzle lunch next Monday :) Still bring lunch, just a little bit less than usual.

Have a great week, Ms Knight.
Hello parents, carers and friends of Prep/One,

Hope this newsletter finds you well rested after a four day weekend. A short week this week but still no less busy. Today we had the Lake Bolac students come and perform for us. Tomorrow (Thursday) we have MARC van and it will be our second last chance to borrow for the year so make sure you bring your current books to return. In literacy this week we have continued to work on Narratives. Our focus this week has been ‘the plot’. We have been discussing the meaning of plot as the problem and solution in a story and we have discovered that many stories have more than one problem and solution. As we have been investigating we have discovered that by looking at all the things that were going wrong in the story and how each one was being fixed or solved is how we identify the plot. Ask your child at home when reading about the plot of the story. We are also working on inferential comprehension. This type of comprehension encourage students to ‘read between the lines’. By turning on our schema prior to and during reading (what we already know) and using context clues in the text this will help us to infer e.g. Ella grabs her racquet and runs out the door. She is supposed to meet Tim at the courts at 4. By reading this we can infer that Ella is going to meet Tim to play tennis as you need a racquet and you play on a court. In numeracy this week our focus has been money. We are revising our ability to recognise coins and their value so that we are able to order them. You can assist your child by allowing them access to a variety of coins and discussing not just their value but their identifying features. I just wanted to add what a handsome little bunch we had for school photos on Friday. Prep/One photos were taken first thing before hair had time to fall out of place and collars had time to get dusty. One last exciting mention is that we will be having a Prep/One sleep over! Put the date 3rd of December in your calendars. As I say every week we look forward to seeing you at Cooperative Play this Friday.

Miss Jayde

Hello Family and Friends of Grade 2/3,

Giddy Up! This term is proving to be a fast one. At the moment in Reading and Writing, students are writing book reports about fiction and non-fiction books, and comparing the differences between the two types of writing styles. They are also presenting them orally to the class and giving themselves feedback about the content of their report and their peers are giving them feedback of areas of strength and areas of improvement. Some area of strength have included engaging introductions, great sequencing and conclusions strong enough to sell the book to the class! Areas of improvement have included, voice... both pace and prosody, or the way we speak through volume, tone and expression. In Numeracy, we continue to focus on our knowledge of numbers. We are practicing skip counting to help us with multiplication facts of 2, 5, and 10. We are also concentrating on subtraction and its relationship to addition, then applying our knowledge of addition to create subtraction strategies to help understand and become fluent in our subtraction facts. In the afternoons we have finally had an opportunity to do some activities together, including playing baseball, learning on and about computers, self-directed learning, and soon to add practice for the end of year concert. If you have a recorder at home, could you please send it with your student, as I might attempt teaching a song or two?

I wanted to add a personal note to the farming community. I recognize this year has sent a series of challenges in regards to your livelihood and I want to take this opportunity to personally thank you all for feeding myself and my family. I appreciate your hard work and perpetual optimistic attitude throughout hard times. My thoughts are with you and hoping for better times soon.

Miss Rae

Wow, week 5 already! It was wonderful to meet with so many of the 4,5,6 parents last week at the Parent Teacher Interviews to talk about how your children are going at school and at home and what we can do to support you for the remainder of this year. Assessment is well under way for report writing and the students were congratulated last week at assembly on the way in which they have put their heads down to really focus on the task at hand as well as showing leadership and fairness when working independently so that others can be tested. This attitude and work ethic is so important to keep up for the rest of the term to ensure that we end the year successfully. In the 4,5,6 classroom, students have been working with passion as they plan the Spring Fair on the 19th of November. Last week we began working in teams to brainstorm and discuss ideas for a stall or activity to run at the Spring Fair and then moved on to making a plan, discussing things they need, where to locate their stall/activity and allocating jobs. This week we will refine these plans and start making posters for this special event! I have loved watching how well the students have worked together with their partner by listening to each other, sharing ideas and then allocating jobs fairly as the planning beings. I am excited to see what ideas the 4,5,6 class continue to come up with in the next few weeks.

Miss Forbes
Ararat and District Cycling Club
"Come and Try" day
Saturday 7th November 1pm start
Bring any type of bike, along with your helmet, shorts and runners
ALL WELCOME
Come and ride the Velodrome in a safe environment with some expert riders showing the way!!
Cycling is great for kids of all ages. It promotes participation, fitness, and social skills, and can range from highly competitive to recreational riding.
We would love the opportunity to have as many kids as possible at this event, please spread the word within your school and community.
Any enquiries please don’t hesitate to call Harold Culling (Secretary) 0407743278
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FANNY LUMSDEN'S
Country Halls
Small Town Big Shot Tour - 2015
Saturday 7th November
Willaura Hall

6:00PM Dinner
Provided by the Willaura Primary School (small fee applies)
Bar provided (no BYO)
7:00PM Local Performances and Celebrations of the Pool
7:45PM Support Act
8:30PM Fanny Lumsden & The Thrillseekers
10:00PM CD Signing

For tickets www.trybooking.com/152441
Or go to www.fannylumsden.net
Camping available
For further enquiries call KiiK Events - 0408 414 660

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